

June 20, 2003

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Room TW-A325  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Ex Parte, WT Docket No 01-309

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On June 19, Ross Vincenti, Vice President/General Counsel and Secretary for Siemens Information and Communication Mobile LLC and Mark Esherick, Director of Government Relations for Siemens Corporation, spoke to Mindy Littell of the Wireless Competition Bureau to address issues related to the above-referenced proceeding. Siemens has joined Cingular in working aggressively to identify the most effective ways to meet users' needs both now and in the future.

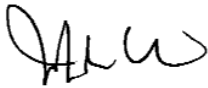
Specifically, Siemens discussed in more detail its proposed "seed stock" approach for handsets that couple inductively. Siemens expressed its belief that manufacturers should have the option to "build to demand" the required number of wireless handsets that include an internal telecoil coupling. Small batch manufacturing will provide the most efficient and effective means to provide to hearing impaired consumers an appropriate number of handsets with internal telecoil couplings necessary to satisfy the needs of those consumers who use telecoil coupling devices. Siemens stated its opinion that this approach has the added benefit of not locking consumers and manufacturers into a particular technology, by allowing for rapid migration to, and adoption of, better solutions as advances are made in hearing aid and wireless device technology.

It was Siemens' understanding that some questions were raised regarding the appropriate process for SAR testing of wireless handsets that incorporate an internal telecoil coupling and which are built in numbers appropriate for the market demand for such devices. Siemens expressed its belief that the most important objective under HACA should be to ensure that hearing impaired consumers have timely access to products that are hearing aid compatible, and that such consumers are not forced to endure delays in product launches resulting from a requirement that manufacturers

re-certify an existing product line that is modified solely for the purpose of including an internal telecoil coupling. For this reason Siemens stated that it supports a process whereby manufacturers could receive a waiver from re-certification of a previously certified product when the sole modification is to include an internal telecoil coupling device in a product. If waivers are not possible, the FCC should provide an expedited equipment grant process for current models modified to meet these requirements. Siemens expressed its belief that this process would further the objective of ensuring the prompt availability of telecoil-coupler equipped products in the marketplace, would not result in any unreasonable public safety risks and would be consistent with the Commission's overall goals and objectives with respect to wireless services in general.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 202-434-4803.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'ME' or 'Mark Esherick'.

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Director of Government Affairs

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